

Baltimore, April 27, 1906.

A special meeting of the Board of Public Works of Maryland was held in Baltimore, April 27th, 1906. At 11 A.M. the Board met in the private office of the Governor in the Fidelity Building; present: Governor Warfield, Comptroller Atkinson, and Treasurer Vandiver. On motion, the reading of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

Mr. Grier Hersh, President of the Maryland Trust Company, accompanied by his legal representative, Mr. W. I. Cross, appeared, in accordance with previous arrangement, to consummate the purchase from the State of the 5500 shares of stock held by it in the Washington Branch of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, said Maryland Trust Company having been the successful bidder for said stock under the advertisement of the sale thereof. Mr. Hersh delivered to the Board the following certificates of stock, amounting to \$2,499,992.72:

STATE of MARYLAND 3% CONSOLIDATED LOAN of 1895, as follows:

Ctfs. Nos.	In name of	Amount.
381	Frank D. Watkins	\$5,000.00
382	Frank D. Watkins	5,000.00
572	Townsend Scott & Son	250.00
573	Townsend Scott & Son	150.00
576	Paine & Wilson	100,000.00
410	The National Bank of Fredericksburg Fredericksburg, Va.	10,000.00
504	Miss Jennie Beck	25,000.00
505	Miss Jennie Beck	24,050.00
577	Charles T. Brown	10,000.00
578	John W. Brown	10,000.00
302	Gen. Savings Bank of Balto.	5,000.00
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304	" " " "	5,000.00
305	" " " "	5,000.00
306	" " " "	1,900.00
352	" " " "	10,000.00
353	" " " "	10,000.00
354	" " " "	10,000.00
206	J. Hooper Edmondson, Trustee for Jeremiah P. Hooper	2,500.00
209	J. Hooper Edmondson, Trustee for W. Gaston Hooper	2,500.00
288	Marie T. Dillehunt	600.00
320	Edward H. Sanford	2,500.00
397	William G. Baker, Jr.	12.72
433	Edward H. Sanford	2,000.00
434	Edward H. Sanford	3,000.00
541	Edward L. Felgner	29,000.00
396	Henry Beck	950.00
560	James Clark Thomas	250.00
406	Treasurer of Maryland in trust for Baltimore Life Insurance Co.	41,000.00
538	do. do.	35,000.00
407	Baltimore Life Insurance Company	17,000.00
384	do. do.	5,000.00
501	Louis Stedtler	1,000.00
386	Eutaw Savings' Bank	100,000.00
387	Eutaw Savings Bank	7,900.00
39	The Savings Bank of Baltimore	500,000.00
40	do. do.	500,000.00
41	do. do.	100,000.00
590	State of Maryland	556,437.28 2,148,000.00

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State of Maryland Penetentiary 3-1/2% Loans,	
Bonds Nos. 1/5, 16/20, 24/43, 100/199, 263/284,	
401/500	\$252,000.00
State of Maryland Insane Asylum 3-1/2% Loan,	
Bonds No. 1/100	<div>100,000.00352,000.00</div>
	\$2,500,000.00

whereupon the Governor moved that the Maryland Trust Company having tendered to the State the entire purchase price for said stock except \$7.28, no certificate for that amount being procurable, the Treasurer and Comptroller are hereby authorized to purchase from the Maryland Trust Company for the Sinking Fund \$992.72 of the Consolidated loan of 1889, in order to adjust the matter of said purchase price of \$2,500,000. Seconded by the Treasurer and adopted.

The Governor here moved, seconded by the Comptroller, that the securities listed above be, and they are hereby, accepted, at their face value, in full payment for the 5500 shares of the capital stock of the Washington Branch of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company; said certificate being worded as follows:

"Shares one hundred dollars each.

"Number 29500 shares"

"This is to certify that the State of Maryland is entitled to 5500 Shares of the capital stock of the Washington Branch of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, transferable only on the books of the Company by the said Stockholder or its attorney.

"Witness the seal of the Company, attested by the signature of the Treasurer thereof.

"Baltimore, December 8, 1852.

(signed) J.J. Atkinson	Thomas Swann,
Treasurer.	President."

The Governor seconded by the Comptroller moved that the Comptroller and the Treasurer be, and they are hereby, instructed to enter said certificates as having been canceled, in accordance with the Act of the General Assembly, Session of 1892, Chapter 310, Section 2, and the Act of 1896, Chapter 172; they shall be canceled and entered by designation and number by the Treasurer in the books in his office known as the Treasurer's Record of Bonds Paid and Canceled."

On motion of the Governor, seconded by the Treasurer, the Treasurer

was authorized and directed to return to the Maryland Trust Company the certified check for \$50,000 deposited by it as a guarantee of good faith with its bid for the purchase of the State's holdings of the stock of the Washington Branch.

At 12.30 P.M. the Board proceeded to Room 703, Fidelity Building, where they met in conference the following members of the Burnt District Commission of Baltimore City: Mayor Timanus, Chairman Swann, and Messrs. Lord and Graham, in reference to the purchase by the Commission of the State Tobacco Warehouse property at the southwest corner of Light and Conway Streets, Baltimore. The Chairman of the Commission, Colonel Swann, stated to the Board of Public Works that the City was ready to pay to the State the sum of \$46,490 for this property, although that is far more, they consider, than the property is worth; but, as they cannot condemn the State property, they are willing to pay the sum named above. Col. Swann further called attention to the fact that when the question of the widening of Light Street was up for consideration during the term of former Mayor Hayes, of Baltimore City, the Commission appointed to consider the question stated in its report that the State Tobacco Warehouse property referred to above was worth not more than \$37,375. See City Reports 1893, 2d Branch City Council, page 535.

No agreement being reached, the conference adjourned to meet in the same place on Wednesday, May 2d, at 11 A.M.

At 1.30 P.M., the Board received the various applicants for the position of Shell Fish Commission, and heard those who wished to speak in behalf of any of these mentioned for the office. The Governor read over the list of applicants, and as each name was reached asked if any person desired to say anything in behalf of the applicant. The list is as follows:

Marion V. Brewington, ---- Wicomico County.
Howard B. Haman, ---- Baltimore City.
Caswell Grave, ----- Baltimore City.
Capt. E. S. Turner, Wicomico.
Marshall L. Sothoron, St. Mary's.
Mark Shriver, Baltimore City.
Benjamin T. Russell, Anne Arundel County.
Edmund J. Plowden,
Ignatius V. McKay, St. Mary's
Isaac S. Nutwell, Anne Arundel.
William L. Marcy, Anne Arundel.
Richard Morton, Baltimore City.
Francis Lee, Queen Anne's.
Capt. John Kennedy, Baltimore City.

William J. Kennedy, Baltimore City
Stephen C. Little, Baltimore City
Hon. Lewis McK. Griffith, Calvert County.
Lawrence Balliare, Anne Arundel County
B. B. D. Bond, St. Mary's
R. Johnson Colton, St. Mary's
Capt. E. A. Caulk, Talbot
C. A. DuBois, Anne Arundel
George R. Garner,
Benjamin K. Green, Somerset
Charles S. Grason, St. Mary's
John W. Willing, Wicomico
Capt. Frederick A. Young, U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey.
John M. Lowman, Anne Arundel
C. A. M. Spamer,

Mr. Joshua Miles spoke for Mr. B. K. Green of Somerset County, who is favored by the Comptroller. Mr. James Bannon of Anne Arundel County spoke for Mr. John M. Lowman of that County. Mr. J. W. Willing, of Wicomico, spoke for himself, and Senator Brewington also appeared in behalf of Mr. Willing. Mr. Alonzo L. Miles of Baltimore City a member of the "Conciliation Committee" that, as Commander Howard seemed to have no chance of election, he favored Mr. Green of Somerset County.

Senator Seth, the President of the State Senate, stated that he favored no candidate; that all he sought was the choice of fit men, men who would not by reason of their previous record antagonize the oyster-men from the start, and so nullify the good effects of the law.

Senator Kirwan of Queen Anne's spoke in behalf of Capt. Francis Lee, formerly of Talbot, but now of his own County.

Mr. W. W. Parker of the "Conciliation Committee", here asked to be heard, and stated that he desired to insist that the so-called "Haman-Seth Oyster Law", affects not only the tidewater counties, but the whole State, and for that reason the Shell Fish Commissioners should not be chosen by reason of their acceptability alone to the tidewater people, but above all with view to their fitness to properly administer the law for the service and the benefit of all the people of the State.

Commander Howard, of the State Fishery Force, submitted to the Board two bids he had received for a new boiler for the State Steamer "Governor Thomas", as follows:

William Skinner & Sons,	\$5950.
Spedden Shipbuilding Co.	5700.

On motion of the Treasurer, seconded by the Comptroller, the Commander was directed to award the contract to the Spedden Shipbuilding Co. at the figure named in their bid, - \$5700.

On motion of the Comptroller, seconded by the Treasurer, the Board adjourned at 3.05 P.M. (Robert S. Hart) Acting Secr.

Baltimore, May 2, 1906.

The Board of Public Works of Maryland met this day in Room 703, Fidelity Building, at noon. Present: Governor Warfield, Comptroller Atkinson, and Treasurer Vandiver.

On motion the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The Governor submitted the following communication:

Baltimore, May 1, 1906.

Hon. Edwin Warfield,

Dear Gov: -

At meeting of Board of Public Works tomorrow, will you please get an order passed for about \$300.00 or as much of it as necessary to make repairs needed at this house to floors, screws, &c. before the busy work comes on. This work should not wait for the gen'l repairs provided for by Legislature, as the two will not conflict in any way, this being urgently needed.

I am your ob't servant,

(signed) Frank O. Smith.

which, on motion of the Comptroller, seconded by the Treasurer, was ordered to be referred to Chief Inspector Robinson, with instructions to take up the matter with Mr. Smith and have proper estimates made and submitted to the Board.

The bill of Edward H. Sappington for \$500. for examining titles of State Tobacco Warehouses Nos. 3A, 3B and 4 on the South side of Conway Street, and preparation of abstracts and plats of same was, on motion of the Comptroller, seconded by the Treasurer, ordered paid out of the Tobacco fund, with the understanding that Mr. Sappington will take the time and trouble to secure some valuation on this, and adjoining property without additional cost to the State.

The Governor called the attention of the Board to the fact that the Law required the Shellfish Commission to be chosen by the first Monday in May, and he thought their election should be promptly made. He spoke of the great importance of the work to be performed by the Commission and urged that the men chosen for these positions should be the best available material and that political interests or affiliations should have no part whatever in the choice of the men to be chosen by the Board.

The Governor urged that Captain Howard, Commander of the State Fishery Force was, by reason of his long experience and knowledge of the oyster situation, by all odds, the best equipped man in the State for membership on the Commission. Dr. Atkinson urged that Mr. B. H. Green of Somerset County, his choice for the Eastern Shore membership of the Commission, be elected, and Mr. Vandiver nominated Mr. Walter J. Mitchell of Charles County. The Governor suggested that if Captain Howard were chosen for this position, Mr. Green, who is now Collector of the Oyster Tax, and therefore, in line of promotion, could very properly be advanced to the position of Commander of the State Fishery Force. A lengthy discussion ensued, and adjournment was finally had until tomorrow, May 3rd, when the Board will take up the matter again at the House of Correction, Bridewell.

(R. S. Hart)

Acting Secretary.

Orlando Tilghman
Secretary